



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Launched in 2014 by UN Women, the United Nations entity for gender equality, “HeForShe” is a global effort to engage men and boys in removing the social and cultural barriers that prevent women and girls from achieving their potential; and
- WHEREAS: The HeForShe campaign aims to achieve gender equality by encouraging all genders to be agents of change, and to take action against negative stereotypes and behaviors faced by people with feminine personalities/genders; and
- WHEREAS: HeForShe invites people around the world to stand together as equal partners to craft a shared vision of a gender-equal society, and implement specific, locally relevant solutions for the good of all humanity; and
- WHEREAS: Gender equity is not a women’s issue – it is a human rights issue; and
- WHEREAS: In support of the UN HeForShe campaign, major buildings around the world will light only half of their exterior lights to symbolize the power lost when the world excludes half its population: women; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, in support of the HeForShe campaign, and in solidarity with all those who fight for equality for all people, will light only half of the I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis on the evening of Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 24, 2018, as:

## HEFORSHE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE